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A PROCLAMATION FOR KEEPING the Actes of the generall Assemblies of the Kirk

JAMES by the grace of GOD King of great Britanne, France and Ireland: do hereby
the Faith, to Our Loveds
stitute; greeting, Forasmuch, As WEE have bene true and vnfayned Zeale to GODS honour
cement and promoting of true Religion amongst all Our Subjects of this our Kingdome, And
those parts propone certaine articles to bee observed and practised in this Kirk, and among other
ciallie, That yeerlie ane thankfull Cōmunion should bee made of the Inestimable benefits bestowed
kynd in the Birth, Passioun, Resurrection, Ascension, of Our Lord and Savior Iesus Christ
ascending of the Holie Spirit, vpon the dayes which haue bene accustomed to bee kepted by all Christians for the
from the verie Primitiue tymes of the Kirk vntill this present day: And that the Holie Sacrament of the Communion should
be Ministered and Received reverendlie by all the Communicants vpon their Kneis: Intending thereby the better
struction of the People, in the principall grounds of the Christian Faith: and exciting of them to a true devote and religious behavior
the worship of Almighty GOD. Lyke as for the better determination of the saids Articles, WEE did call a generall Assemblie of the Kirk
at Our Citie of Sanctandros in the moneth of November in the yeere of God ane thousand v^{ic} and xvij yeeres. And afterwards at our
burgh of Perth in the moneth of August the yeere of God J^{ai} v^{ic} and xvij yeeres. Where the same Articles being reasoned and discuffed
length were concluded and agreed vpon, as in the Acts made thereanent, And by Our Proclamation published therevpon doeth appear
theleffe diverse turbulent and refractarie Spirits as weel of the Ministerie, as People, preferring their owne conceits and opinions to the
ordinances of the Generall Kirk, haue incited diverse of Our good Subjects to misconstrue Our intensions and proceedings in the saids ma
s, and by their Pamphlets, libells, and others seditious speeches in publique and privat, haue traduced the saids ordinances as Superstiti
olatrous, and contrarie to the worshipec prescryved in Gods word, inducing thereby many of Our Subjects to manifest disobedience
and contempt of the saids Ordinances, and causing ane miserable breach of the Unitie of the Kirk, to the great dishonor of God, and mis
chance of all authoritie both Civile, and Ecclesiastique: And also WEE haue with long patience and lenitie, attempted to bring
directions therein, vying all calme and gentle meanes to persuade Ministers and others vnto their dewties in that behalf. Nothing
hitherto appeared on the parts of many, but ane wilfull and obstinat contempt, which WEE neither will, nor can, excuse; But
WEE are resolved by the rigour and force of Our Lawes and Justice to punish, and accordinglie to haue the saids Ordinances obeyed by
Our Subjects of whatsomeuer degrie, rank, or Estate: For which purpose.

OUR WILL IS, and WEE charge you traitlie and Commands, That incontinent those Our Letters seene yee
passe to the Market Croces of the head Burrowes of this Our Kingdome, and other places needfull, and there by
open Proclamation make new Intimation to all Our Lieges and Subjects, of Our expresse WILL and Pleasure con
cerning obedience to bee given to the Acts and Ordinances of the foresaid Assemblie: and that yee command and
charge all and sundrie Our Lieges and Subjects as weel Ministers as others, That they and everie one of them obey
and observe the Acts and Ordinances of the said Assemblie; Especiallie the acts made anent the Communion
of the benefits of Our Saviour vpon the dayes prescryved, and anent the reverent receiving of the of the holy Com
munioun, and that they on no wayes presume nor take vpon hand to violate and transgresse the same Acts vpon
whatomeuer colour or pretext: Vnder the paines following To witt, everie Minister that shall failye in the premises to bee called and con
demned before the Lords and others of the High Commission, and others ordinarie Judges of the Kirk, and to bee punished by Dismissal
suspension, confyning and warding, at the discretion of the said Judges of the Kirk: And to everie other person that shall refuse to
Kirk and to heare Preaching the dayes particularlie aboue-written, Vnder the paine of payment of the summe of £100
ce, as ane penaltie modified to bee taken of them and everie one of them that shall so transgresse: And to everie
person that shall refuse to Communicat in the reverent maner as is prescribed by the said Acts, to bee punished by the summe
of money after-specified according to the said Acts.

stitute; greeting, Forſamekle, As WEE our ſane true and vnſayned Zeale to GODS honour, and the cement and promoting of true Religion amongst all Our Subjects of this our Kingdome, Did at Our ſaid ſitting, in thoſe parts propone certaine articles to bee embraced and praſtiſed in this Kirk, and amongst others, Theſe two eſpeciallie, That yeerlie ane thankfull Cōmemoration ſhould bee made of the Ineſtimable benefits beſtowed vpon Mankind in the Birth, Paſſioun, Reſurreſtoun and Aſcenſioun, of Our Lord and Savior Ieſus CHRIST, and diſcending of the Holie Spirit, vpon the dayes which haue bene accouſtomed to bee kepted by all Chriſtians for the ſaid Cōmemoration from the verie Primitiue tymes of the Kirk vntill this preſent day: And that the Holie Sacrament of the Communion ſhould bee Miniſtered and Received reverendlie by all the Communicants vpon their Kneis: Intending thereby no other thing, but the better inſtruction of the People, in the principall grounds of the Chriſtian Faith: and exciting of them to a true devote and religious behaviour in the worſhip of Almighty GOD. Lyke as for the better determination of the ſaid Articles, WEE did call a generall aſſemblic of the Kirk at Our Citie of Sanctandros in the moneth of November in the yeere of God ane thouſand vi^c and xvij yeeres. And afterwards at our burgh of Perth in the moneth of Auguſt the yeere of God J^ai vi^c and xvij yeeres. Where the ſame Articles being reaſoned and diſcuſſed at length were concluded and agreed vpon, as in the Acts made thereanent, And by Our Proclamation publiſhed therevpon doeth appeare theleſſe diuerſe turbulent and refractarie Spirits as weel of the Miniſtrie, as People, preferring their owne conceits and opinions to the Ordinances of the Generall Kirk, haue incited diuerſe of Our good Subjects to miſconſtrue Our intentions and proceedings in the ſaid matters, and by their Pamphlets, libells, and others ſeditious ſpeeches in publique and privat, haue traduced the ſaid Ordinances as Superſtitious, idolatrous, and contrarie to the worſhipe preſcryved in Gods word, inducing thereby many of Our Subjects to ane maniſt diſobedience and contempt of the ſaid Ordinances, and cauſing ane miſerable Breach of the Unitie of the Kirk, to the great offence of God, and miſparrance of all authoritie both Civile, and Eccleſiaſtique: And alſo WEE haue with long patience and lenitie, attended the obedience of directions therein, vſing all calme and gentle meanes to perſwade Miniſters and others vnto their dewties in that behaile: Nothing hitherto appeared on the parts of many, but ane wilfull and ane obſtinat contempt, which WEE neither will, nor can, overſie; But WEE are reſolved by the rigour and force of Our Lawes and Juſtice to puniſh, and accordinglie to haue the ſaid Ordinances obeyed by Our Subjects of whatſomeuer degrie, rank, or Eſtate: For which purpoſe.

OUR WILL IS, and WEE charge you ſtraitle and Commands, That incontinent thoſe Our Letters ſeene yee paſſe to the Market Croce of the head Burrowes of this Our Kingdome, and others places needfull; and there by open Proclamation make new Intimation to all Our Lieges and Subjects, of Our expreſſe WILL and Pleaſure concerning obedience to bee given to the Acts and Ordinances of the foreſaid Aſſemblic: and that yee command and charge all and ſundrie Our Lieges and Subjects as weel Miniſters as others, That they and everie one of them obey and obſerve the Acts and Ordinances of the ſaid Aſſemblic; Eſpeciallie the acts made anent the Cōmemoration of the benefits of Our Saviour vpon the dayes preſcryved, and anent the reverent receiving of the of the holy Communion, and that they on no wayes preſume nor take vpon hand to violate and tranſgreſſe the ſame Acts vpon whatſomeuer colour or pretext: Vnder the paines following To witt, everie Miniſter that ſhall failye in the premiſes to bee called and conſigned before the Lords and others of the High Commiſſion, and others ordinarie Judges of the Kirk, and to bee puniſhed by Deprivation, ſpenſion, confyning and warding, at the diſcretion of the ſaid Judges of the Kirk: And to everie other perſon that ſhall reſuſe to come vnto the Kirk and to heare Preaching the dayes particularlie aboue-written, Vnder the paine of payment of the ſomme of Thretten ſhillings for ſurety, as ane penaltie modeſied to bee taken of them and everie one of them that ſhall ſo tranſgreſſe (*toties quoties*.) And ſiklyke for everie perſon that ſhall reſuſe to Communicat in the reverent maner that is preſcryved by the Acts of the ſaid Aſſemblic, Vnder the paines of payment of the ſomes of money after-ſpecified according to their ranks, qualities and degreis, That is to ſay, everie Earle, vnder the paine of ane hundred pounds. Everie Lord, vnder the paine of ane hundred marks. Everie Barron or Laird, vnder the paine of fiftie pounds. And everie other perſon of whatſomeuer rank and degrie, vnder the paine of Twentie pounds or leſſe, at the diſcretion of the Judges before whom they ſhall bee called: conveyed and puniſhed in maner foreſaid, without favour: And the ſaid fines ſhall bee taken vp and applied ad (*pios uſus*.) As alſo that yee command charge and inhibit, all and ſundrie Our Lieges and Subjects of whatſomever rank, quality, or degrie, That none of them preſume nor take vpon hand to Impugne detract or oppone, the Ordinances of the ſaid Aſſemblic in privat nor publiſt; But that they behave themſelves as becommeth good and Chriſtiane Subjects, eſchewing everie thing tending to ſedition or diſobedience and as they would bee eſteemed good and peaceable Subjects, and vnder paine to bee called before the Lords of Our Privie Counſell and to bee puniſhed after tryall of their offence at the diſcretion of the ſaid Lords. Theſe things to doe WEE commit to you conjunctlie and ſeverallie Our full power By thoſe Our letters, delivering the ſame by you duellie executed and indorſed againe to the ſcriber. Given vnder Our Signet, At Halyrudhouſe the eight day of Junij and of Our Reignes the fiftie ſix and eighteen yeeres. 1620.

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